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Please cancel claims 6 and 11 without prejudice.

1. (Currently Amended) A guide mechanism for ~~the~~ a cover of a sliding/tilting roof, comprising:

a slotted guide unit having a slotted guide that is at least indirectly coupled to the cover and moves the cover to a raised position; and

a drain gutter unit extending at the rear edge of the cover transversely to the vehicle and having a drain gutter and ~~an associated~~ bearing part that is shifted together with the drain gutter during horizontal shifting of the cover,

wherein the slotted guide ~~is fully decoupled-disengages~~ from the drain gutter unit in the a horizontal direction of displacement when the cover is in a raised position,

and wherein the slotted guide unit has at least a portion that positively engages the drain gutter unit during an initial position and in a lowered position of the cover, wherein the engagement of the slotted guide unit and the drain gutter unit couples the slotted guide unit and the drain gutter unit together in a positive fit in the horizontal direction of displacement.

2. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bearing part of the drain gutter comprises a separate locking arrangement that is active in the raised position of the cover to secure the bearing part in position against the horizontal direction of displacement.

3. (Original) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 2, wherein the locking arrangement comprises a latching hook associated with the bearing part and a portion of a profiled rail, wherein the bearing part of the drain gutter is adapted to be shifted along the profiled rail, and wherein a positive latching connection between the latching hook and the portion of the profiled rail secures the bearing part.

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4. (Original) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 3, wherein the portion of the profiled rail comprises a recess, and wherein the latching hook is spring-mounted and adapted to engage into the recess.

5. (Original) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 3, wherein the bearing part is a plastic part adapted to be shifted within the profiled rail and wherein the latching hook comprises a plastic material molded to a spring.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 16, wherein said portion of the slotted guide unit has a downwardly pointing nose on the rear end of the slotted guide, wherein the nose engages with ~~has a downwardly pointing nose diving into~~ a recess in the bearing part.

8. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein in a raised position at least a portion of ~~a the slotted guide unit including the slotted guide engages is directly locked with the~~ profiled rail with a positive fit such that the cover is prevented from being displaced in a horizontal direction.

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9. (Currently Amended) A guide mechanism for ~~the~~ cover of a sliding/tilting roof, comprising:

a slotted guide unit having a slotted guide that is at least indirectly coupled to the cover and moves the cover to a raised position; and

a drain gutter unit extending at the rear edge of the cover transversely to the vehicle and having a drain gutter and an associated bearing part that is shifted together with the drain gutter during horizontal shifting of the cover, wherein the bearing part of the drain gutter comprises a separate locking arrangement that is active in the raised position of the cover to secure the bearing part in position against horizontal displacement,

wherein the locking arrangement comprises a spring-mounted latching hook associated with the bearing part and a recess in a lower connecting web of a profiled rail, wherein the bearing part of the drain gutter is adapted to be shifted along the profiled rail, and wherein a positive latching connection between the latching hook and the recess secures the bearing part, and

wherein the slotted guide ~~is disengagesfully decoupled~~ from the drain gutter in a the horizontal direction of displacement when the cover is in a raised position,

and wherein the slotted guide unit has at least a portion that positively engages the drain gutter unit during an initial position and in a lowered position of the cover, wherein the engagement of the slotted guide unit and the drain gutter unit couples the slotted guide unit and the drain gutter unit together in a positive fit in the horizontal direction of displacement.

10. (Original) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 9, wherein the bearing part is a plastic part adapted to be shifted within the profiled rail and wherein the latching hook comprises a plastic material molded to a spring.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 9, wherein ~~the~~ rear end of the slotted guide has a downwardly pointing nose diving into a recess in the bearing part.

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13. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 9, wherein in a raised position at least a portion of a unit including the slotted guide ~~is directly locked~~ engages with ~~the~~ an upper connecting web of the profiled rail with a positive fit such that the cover is prevented from being displaced in a horizontal direction.